

GERMANS COMPEL ALLIES TO FALL BACK IN FIERCE BATTLE OF GIANTS

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY; KIAO-CHOW RAZED

Germans Dynamite Buildings as First Step to Defend Their Possessions in Far East; Chinese Villages Destroyed.

Allied Navies Ready for Attack

JAPAN DECLARES WAR.
Tokio, Aug. 24.—The Emperor of Japan yesterday declared war against Germany. An imperial edict declaring war was officially inaugurated in the Far East, as result of Germany's failure to reply to the Japanese ultimatum. The declaration sent a thrill through the country. Cheering crowds paraded the streets tonight in a lantern procession.

Peking, Aug. 24.—A blockade of Tsing-Tau, the fortified seaport of Kiao-Chow has begun. The British French and Russian vessels of war are taking part. At present, only the British regiments have received orders to co-operate with the Japanese in operations against Kiao-Chow on the land side. The French, however, are expecting orders to assist the British. Probable there will not be over two or three regiments from each nation. No reliable information has reached here regarding the Japanese landing on Kiao-Chow territory.

A cipher message from Emperor William was addressed to the Tsing-Tau garrison in which they were called upon to defend their position to the uttermost and was read aloud at the roll call. It was received stoically.

The Germans dynamited all tall structures here which might be of assistance to the attacking fleet in giving them sighting points. They destroyed the railroad bridges at the boundary which is their leased territory and razed the Chinese villages within the territory. The inhabitants of the village were partially compensated.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR LEAVES
Berlin, Aug. 24.—The departure of the Japanese charge for the Dutch frontier was accompanied by no untoward incident.

J. A. M'GREGOR SERIOUSLY ILL

Billings County Man, Well Known
Pioneer of State, in Grave
Condition At St. Paul.

J. A. McGregor, well known throughout the northwest, is in a very serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital in St. Paul, where he underwent a difficult operation for cancer last spring. His wife and son, in Medora, were wired yesterday. Mr. McGregor recently served as county auditor of Billings county, and has had a most interesting career. He came to North Dakota in the very early days, and was among the prospectors who took part in the mad rush for gold to the Black Hills, in 1876. He was successively a trapper and hunter, a rancher in the Bad Lands, manager of a store, then a rancher again, and finally auditor. He spent some time in the vicinity of Bismarck, before drifting down the Little Missouri to what is now Medora, in 1880, and is known by all the old timers of this country, who will regret exceedingly to learn of his illness.

LITTLE MANDAN BOY HAS DISAPPEARED

Fred Fix, Son of Joe Fix, Left
Saturday and Has Not Been
Seen Since.

Fred Fix, 10-year-old son of Joe Fix of Mandan, disappeared Saturday from his home, and has not been seen since. It is supposed that he ran away, and, as he is very fond of horses, it is thought that he may have headed for some farm.

The boy is a rather peaked-faced little lad, and when he disappeared was barefooted and wore a blue shirt and brown pants. Any information as to his whereabouts will be very gratefully received by the parents.

TEN MILLION IN INTEREST OF MARINE

STEPS TAKEN IN HOUSE FOR
CREATION OF SEA COM-
MERCE.

PROVIDES SHIPPING BOARD

Rep. Alexander Introduces Administration Measure; Food Prices Natural.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Plans for the building up of a permanent American merchant marine by the purchase of foreign ships, to be operated by the government, went forward in congress and at the White House. In the house, Representative Alexander introduced the administration bill for the incorporation of a \$10,000,000 company, to own and operate ocean steamers under the supervision of a shipping board, composed of the president, the secretaries of the treasury and commerce, and the postmaster general.

PRICES NOT UNWARRANTED.
New York, Aug. 24.—The federal inquiry into the higher cost of food since the war began has not developed that the increases were unwarranted, according to Roger Wood, United States assistant district attorney, in charge of the investigation. "Generally speaking," he said, "there has been no unusual rise in the price of foodstuffs. There are increases in a few commodities, but some of these have become dearer because of natural causes." He added that he found no abnormal supply of foodstuffs in storage warehouses, which indicates dealers had not been storing goods to force up prices.

KILLED BY BLASTED ROCK.
Houghton, Mich., Aug. 24.—Police and Fire Chief Louis Voeth, aged 49, of Houghton, died of injuries inflicted by a piece of rock thrown by a blast, a distance of 500 feet, as he stood talking with friends in the heart of Houghton's business district. His skull was crushed, a piece of the bone being driven into the brain.

THE WEATHER.
North Dakota — Unsettled; probably showers Tuesday; Wednesday fair

Francis Joseph, Austrian Emperor Is Near Death

London, Aug. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange telegraph, dated on Monday, says:

"The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, according to telegrams received today, is much worse. His death is a question of hours."

RAIN WAS GENERAL OVER N.D.

BUT YESTERDAY'S DRIZZLE

WILL DO LITTLE
DAMAGE.

NOT SO HEAVY AS APPEARED

With a cold, drizzling rain and the temperature down to 46, the people of this locality found the weather yesterday very disagreeable, and reports from all over the state indicate that the rain was general. However, the continued moisture, which lasted the greater part of the night and day yesterday, was rather misleading, for the report of the weather bureau shows that the rainfall was only .32 inch for the 24 hours. For the week it totaled .74 inch.

In other parts of the state, the rainfall was somewhat heavier yesterday, reports for the week from Devils Lake being .80, from Fargo .70, and from Williston .57; most of this falling yesterday.

There is little danger of any frost for at least ten days yet, and no killing frost is likely to show up before the middle of September. At that time all the corn flax will be well out of the way. The nearest approach to frost so far this year was on July 19th. The present rain will not do any material injury to the crops, and prospects are for better weather today.

DEDICATION SERVICES.
Governor Hanna returned yesterday from Ryder, where he was the principal speaker yesterday, at the dedication of the new church in that town. The governor returned by way of Minot and Valley City.

CROWDS OF LONDON SAD AND SILENT

DEATH ROLL TO BE LARG-
EST SINCE CRIMEAN
WAR.

PARIS IS SADDEST CITY

Flower of French Manhood Now
On Bloody Battlefields Of
Belgium.

London, Aug. 24.—Today brought home the realities of war to the British people. Not before has the whole nation been so deeply moved. Thousands have relatives in the army and know the death toll probably will be longer than in the case of any British force since the Crimean war.

Throughout London tonight the people are in a much more serious mood than since they faced the war. There are no scenes of gaiety in the theaters or restaurants tonight. The streets are crowded but quiet. Every boat from Belgium comes crowded with impoverished refugees, who fled before the German invasion.

Paris Saddest Place.
"Paris is the saddest place in the world," said Cornelia Sage, director of the Albright art gallery, Buffalo, N. Y., who arrived from Paris.

All the artists, poets and authors are going to war. Every man able to carry arms has answered the call. Only small boys are left to work in the hotels and cafes. All studios are deserted. The flower of the French manhood and all men of genius are at the front. The wives, mothers and sisters rejoice that these talented men went with their humbler brothers in the defense of France.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS.
Fargo, N. D., Aug. 24.—President Tracy R. Bangs of the North Dakota State Bar association, which will hold its annual meeting in Grand Forks on Sept. 17-18, has announced the different committees to be in charge of the plans for what promises to be one of the most interesting gatherings of barristers from this state, Michigan and Minnesota, ever held in North Dakota.

General Arrangements—H. A. Bronson, George Robbins, J. B. Vinceman. Program—John W. Ogran, F. B. Peetham, A. L. Netcher.

Kaiser's Army Forces Enemy To Retreat With Heavy Loss In the Vicinity of The Meuse

FRENCH ASSUME OFFENSIVE WITH TWO ARMY CORPS
BUT COUNTER ATTACKED BY PRUSSIAN GUARDS
ARE FORCED TO RETIRE. LOSSES ON
BOTH SIDES APPALLING.

Forces of Both Armies Still Intact

POLAND GIVEN HOME RULE.
New York, Aug. 24.—Count Johan Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, announced upon his arrival here today from Rotterdam that his government has been informed that the Russian civil and military authorities have withdrawn from Poland, and that the Poles have set up an independent government with Warsaw as its capital. When Bernstorff left Berlin Aug. 11, he said the German government had reports that not a Russian soldier was left in Poland. He also said, "I couldn't vouch for the accuracy of this report."

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French war office issued the following announcement tonight:

"The French and English plan of attack having failed, owing to unforeseen difficulties, they have retired, covering their positions.

"West of the Meuse the English army on our left was attacked by the Germans, but behaved admirably, holding its ground with traditional steadfastness.

ASSUMED OFFENSIVE.

"The French assumed the offensive with two army corps. The African brigade in the front line, carried away by their eagerness, was received by a murderous fire. They did not give an inch but when counter-attacked by the Prussian guard, they were obliged to retire, only however, after inflicting enormous losses. The Prussian guard especially suffered heavily.

"East of the Meuse our troops advanced across extremely difficult country and made a vigorous attack when they emerged from the woods, but were obliged to fall back after a stiff fight south of the River Semois.

ARTILLERY AFFIRMS SUPERIORITY.

"On order of General Joffre our troops and British troops, withdrew, covering their positions. Our troops are intact and our cavalry in no way suffered. Our artillery affirmed its superiority. Our officers and soldiers are in the best of condition, morally and physically. A result of orders issued, the aspect of the struggle will not change for a few days. The French army will remain for a time on the defensive, but at the right moment, to be decided upon by the commander-in-chief, it will resume a vigorous offensive.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY.

"Our losses have been heavy but it would be premature to enumerate them. It would be equally so to enumerate those of the Germans, who suffered so heavily that they were obliged to abandon their counter attacks and establish themselves in the fresh portions of Lorraine.

"We delivered four attacks yesterday from our positions north of Nancy, inflicting very heavy loss on the enemy. In regard to the general situation, we are in full use of our railroads and retaining the command of the seas.

OPENED WAY FOR RUSSIANS.

"Our operations enabled the Russians to come into action, and penetrate the heart of West Prussia. It is to be regretted that offensive operations planned failed to achieve the purpose and the result of the difficulties is hard to foresee. Success would have shortened the war, but our defenses remain intact in the presence of an already weakened enemy.

"Every Frenchman deprecates the temporary abandonment of portions of Alsace and Lorraine, which we occupied and certain parts of the national territory suffer from events of which they be the theatre.

"This ordeal is inevitable, but temporary.

"Detachments of German cavalry belonging to the unattached division operating on the extreme right penetrated to Roubois, six miles north of Lille and Tournai district, which is defended only by the territorial reservists."

A Paris official announcement says:

"A great battle is being fought on a vast line extending from Mons to the frontier of Luxembourg. The French troops everywhere are taking the offensive. The allied forces have against them nearly the entire German army, both active and reserve."

BELGIAN LOSS PLACED AT 10,000.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Amsterdam says the estimated total loss of Belgians to date is 10,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. The Central News Dispatch from Rome says a message from St. Petersburg, declares that Emperor Nicholas has gone to the headquarters of the Russian army, which is now taking the offensive in its full strength.

AUSTRIAN MONITOR STRUCK MINE.

In a dispatch from Paris, an Exchange Telegraph correspondent says the Excelsior publishes a message from Nish, Serbia, saying the Austrian monitor struck a mine in the Adriatic and was destroyed. The crew perished between Orchava and Baziash.

ALBANIANS ARE VICTORIOUS.

Telegraphing from Rome, a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says the message from Avlona, Albania, declares that the Albanian insurgents have entered the city and raised their flag.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF ENGLISH TROOPS ON FRENCH SOIL.

